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CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISS., DEC. 13-18, 1882.

The Sixty-ninth Session of the MISSISSIPPI ANNUAL CONFERENCE of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in Crystal Springs, Miss., December 13-18, 1882; Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, D. D., presiding.

The Bishop conducted the opening religious services consisting of reading 4th chapter of II. Corinthians, 272 hymn and prayer.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the last session and the following members answered to their names or were present during the session, viz.:

J. G. Jones, E. R. Strickland, J. L. Forsythe, R. A. Sibley, J. A. Godfrey, A. B. Nicholson, J. A. B. Jones, J. H. Shelton, W. B. Hines, E. A. Flowers, D. W. Dillehay, B. Jones, G. F. Thompson, R. Abbey, H. P. Lewis, C. G. Andrews, L. Kendal, W. B. Lewis, N. B. Young, H. F. Johnson, E. H. Moulner, I. B. Robertson, W. W. Hurst, W. L. C. Hannicutt, J. D. Hays, W. E. Ballard, R. B. Downer, F. M. Williams, J. A. Ellis, A. B. Stewart, P. Howard, J. M. Weems, J. Holland, D. A. Givens, J. T. Heard, W. Spillman, J. C. Brogan, T. Y. Armstrong, J. M. Gann, C. B. Galloway, R. D. Norsworthy, J. W. Sandell, D. P. Bradford, H. R. Singleton, D. G. W. Ellis, J. S. Parker, C. F. Gillespie, J. H. Evans, C. McDonald, P. Johnson, W. C. Black, John W. Ellison, J. W. McLaurin, T. S. West, R. J. Jones, R. Bradley, J. W. Adkisson, D. C. Langford, T. B. Holloman, D. A. Little, B. Carradine, C. D. Cecil, R. T. Davis, A. M. Barrington, R. S. Woodward, G. W. Brown, W. D. Dominick, C. A. Powell, B. F. Jones, B. S. Rayner, W. W. Simmons, J. P. Drake, D. M. Rush, I. W. Cooper, H. R. Caldwell, G. M. Gilmore, W. W. Hopper, J. S. Calhoun, R. F. Flowers, G. Bancroft, L. Carley, D. Merchant, J. L. Peebles, W. W. Cammack, J. T. Nicholson, M. C. Calloway, J. J. Lovett, J. W. Chambers, L. P. Meador, T. Price, J. M. Pugh, W. R. Sims, N. M. Clark, W. G. Millsaps, L. J. Jones, J. W. Harmon.

Lay members were present from the several Districts as follows, viz.:

H. E. Newsom, J. W. McLean, G. Wood, R. Babington, J. W. Starr. Henry Ware, J. H. Thompson, B. S. Ricketts, D. McRee, F. D. Wimberly, T. A. Phillips, W. L. Nugent, D. Bunch, W. A. Ray, I. Miller, A. G. Mayers, W. M. Thornton, W. L. Weems, J. A. Grant, J. A. Gilbert, S. B. Watts, H. Key, T. Reed, T. L. Mellen.

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The following were introduced to the Conference, viz:

Rev. D. C. Kelly, D.D. Treasurer of the Parent Missionary Board; Rev. W. T. J. Sullivan, M. D., D. D., of the North Mississippi Conference; Rev. J. L. Futrell, Editor of the the Southern Visitant, of the North Mississippi Conference; Rev. George D. Wade, of the North Mississippi Conference; Rev. E. A. Oats, of the North Mississippi Conference; Rev. J. A. Ivey, Agent of the South Western Bible Society, Rev. Mr. Lomax, of the Baptist Church; T. J. Carver, Publisher of the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

Communications were received by the Conference and referred to Appropriate Committees from the several institutions under the patronage of the Conference, and from the following sources, viz:

Rev. J. B. McFerrin, D. D., Book agent, and agent for the Colvin Fund; Rev. J. E. Evans, D. D., agent of the Payne Institute; Rev. J. W. Hinton, D. D. Editor of the Southern Methodist Quarterly Review, and Publishing Committee of the New Orleans Christian Advocate.

Standing Committees on the various interests of the Church were appointed as follows, viz:

Public Worship—J. A. B. Jones, W. B. Lewis, W. C. Wilkinson,

State of the Church—B. Jones, J. W. Starr, J. W. McLaurin, W. A. Ray, J. H. Evans, F. M. Williams, J. S. Calhoun.

Publishing Interests—R. Abbey, C. D. Cecil, C. F. Gillespie, M. C. Callaway, R. Bradley, G. F. Thompson, D. C. Longford, T. L. Mellen.

Bible Cause—J. W. McLean, J. W. Sandell, H. P. Lewis, H. R. Caldwell, R. A. Sibley, J. A. Gilbert, W. E. Ballard.

Sunday Schools—C. A. Powell, T. Price, J. Nicholson, J. M. Pugh, L. P. Meador, J. T. Heard, T. Reed.

Education—I. W. Cooper, L. Carley, W. B. Hines, E. H. Mounger, W. R. Sims, J. Harmon, W. C. Black.

Temperance—H. C. Newsom, R. Babington, N. B. Young, D. Bunch, D. G. W. Ellis, W. L. Weems, P. Howard.

Memoirs—C. G. Andrews, J. G. Jones, J. T. Heard,

District Conference Records—J. W. Chambers, L. J. Jones, W. G. Mill-saps, E. H. Mounger, J. W. Ellison, J. W. Adkisson, H. Key.

Observance of the Sabbath—R. F. Flowers, Geo. Wood, B. F. Jones, P. A. Johnson, N. M. Clark, W. D. Dorminick, A. B. Stewart.

First Question—Who are admitted on trial?

Answer—William G. Backus, from the East Pascagoula Circuit; Virgil D. Skipper, from the De Kalb Circuit; Samuel J. Colton, from the De Kalb Circuit; Henry Lee Scarborough, from the Mount Olivet Circuit.

Second Question—Who remain on trial?

Answer—James Healey, Robert T. Witt, D. F. Guice, M. A. Bell. The following are continued in the class of the first year, viz: E. F. Edgar, A. D. Miller, J. W. Brown, L. S. Jones.

Third Question—Who are discontinued?

Answer—None.

Fourth Question—Who are admitted into full connection?

Answer—W. R. Sims, N. M. Clark.

Fifth Question—Who are re-admitted?

Answer—None.

Sixth Question—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Answer—Gabriel Hawkins, from the Alabama, and John W. Harmon from the Louisiana.

Seventh Question—Who are the deacons of one year?

Answer—W. W. Cammack, J. T. Nicholson, M. C. Callaway, J. W. Chambers, R. T. Davis. Retained in class of third year, J. J. Lovett.

Eighth Question—What traveling preachers are elected Deacons?

Answer—None.

Ninth Question—What traveling preachers are ordained Deacons?

Answer—None.

Tenth Question—What local preachers are elected Deacons?

Answer—Mark H. Moore, James Healey, Henry Lee Scarborough, Charles F. Smith.

Eleventh Question—What local preachers are ordained Deacons?

Answer—J. Healy, H. L. Scarborough, C. F. Smith, Joseph W. Hall.

Twelfth Question—What traveling preachers are elected Elders?

Answer—B. F. Jones, R. F. Flowers, I. L. Peebles. Continued in class of fourth year T. C. Bradford.

Thirteenth Question—What traveling preachers are ordained Elders?

Answer—B. F. Jones, R. F. Flowers, I. L. Peebles.

Fourteenth Question—What local preachers are elected Elders?

Answer—Robert W. Burton, Thomas W. Adams.

Fifteenth Question—What local preachers are ordained Elders?

Answer—T. W. Adams.

Sixteenth Question—Who are located this year?

Answer—Green W. Brown.

Seventeenth Question—Who are Supernumerary?

Answer—G. T. Vickers, R. Abbey, J. Lusk, A. M. Barrington.

Eighteenth Question—Who are Superannuated?

Answer—J. G. Jones, E. A. Flowers, W. Spillman, L. Pearce, E. R. Strickland, D. W. Dillehay, J. N. Williams, J. Nicholson, C. W. Calhoun, T. Y. Armstrong, A. B. Stewart.

Nineteenth Question—What preachers have died during the year?

Answer—W. E. M. Linfield.

Memoir of W. E. M. Linfield.

THE COMMITTEE ON MEMOIRS REPORT THE FOLLOWING AS THE MEMOIR OF
REV. WM. E. M. LINFIELD.

REV. WM. E. M. LINFIELD, D. D., late of the Mississippi Conference, was the son of William and Martha Elenor Linfield and was born in the City of Charleston, South Carolina, August 25th, 1824, where he was brought up until he was about fifteen or sixteen years of age. His parents were worthy members of the Protestant Episcopal Church and brought him up under its ministry and in its Sabbath School. William had a well developed boy and a precocious mind, and at the age of fifteen had acquired a good rudimental education. Things about Charleston had become monotonous and irksome to his naturally roving disposition, and, desiring to see more of the outside world, he quietly withdrew from the parental roof and roamed abroad in the adjoining States. Being a plausible and well behaved youth, fairly educated, whenever he needed money for current expenses he would settle down in charge of a country school until his purse was replenished and then resume his travels. He was not then an experienced Christian, but he often had an impression that he ought, at some future time, to become a minister of the gospel, and this impression, though steadfastly resisted by him, greatly tended to increase the restlessness of his mind. In the mean time the war between the United States and Mexico was in full blast, and not only to do service to his country, but mainly to get clear of all sober thoughts about preaching, he enlisted as a soldier.

While in Mexico he was attacked with severe sickness and when, to all appearance, he was nearly dead, he felt that the hand

of God was heavy on him, because of his rebellion against becoming a preacher. In his almost hopeless distress he solemnly vowed to God if he would spare his life and permit him to return home, he would immediately begin a preparation of heart and mind to enter the ministry. God heard his prayers and restored him to health, and he returned to Eastern Mississippi, where he resumed his profession as school teacher.

On the 22d of April, 1849, he was happily married to Miss Saphronia J. Barker, and being now an earnest seeker of an evangelical change of heart he was born of God that same year. His conversion was clear and well marked. Feeling heavily burdened with a life overshadowed with sin and guilt, he took up his Bible and retired from his school house to weep and pray in secret. He opened his Bible on a passage with which he had thought himself familiar, but it now presented a beauty and charm he had never seen in it before.

It was Paul's "faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners;" which his logical mind immediately threw into a syllogism, thus: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners: I am a sinner: therefore Christ Jesus came to save me." Unbelief gave place to a trusting faith in Christ as his all sufficient, willing and present Savior. He returned to his school house a renewed and happy man.

Now the solemn vow he had made in Mexico about preaching came with unwonted emphasis on his mind, and he began to feel as he had never felt before, "Woe is unto me, if I preach not the Gospel." But he allowed himself to think that he was not yet ready to commence the work, and while living the life of a consistent Christian and church member, he hesitated until he was called to give up in death his first two lovely little boys which he believed was a chastisement for his backwardness in doing what he had already admitted was his duty to do.

It was now he made an unreserved consecration of his all to the work of the ministry. How sincerely and faithfully he carried out the vow and promise now made will best appear by a brief review of his life and labors as an itinerant Methodist preacher.

In January, 1851, he was admitted into the Alabama Conference, and died a member of the Mississippi Conference March 16, 1882, after a faithful and successful itinerant career of thirty-one years and two months. In that time he labored eight years in the Alabama Conference; seven in the Louisiana Conference; fourteen in the Mississippi Conference, and was Superannuated one year and something over two months. He traveled five years on circuits; was stationed in our principal towns and cities seventeen years and presided on Districts seven years.

Brother Linfield had all the necessary qualifications for a first-class orator. He had a commanding person; an open, expressive face; a glowing countenance; a lustrous eye; a massive brow which indicated a superior intellect; a manly and well modulated voice always under control; a ready flow of appropriate language, and overall a heart full of tender emotion and Christian sympathy for those he served in the gospel of the grace of God. His preparations for the pulpit were laborious and thorough. He had a logical mind and his powers of analysis were above mediocrity, and he had an original way of placing his thoughts before his hearers.

In the earlier years of his ministry which were spent mainly in rural districts he was wonderfully successful in the conversion of souls. He was several times honored with a seat in our General Conferences and in view of his high literary and theological attainments the University of Mississippi conferred on him the well merited degree of Doctor of Divinity.

He was yet in life's prime and in full harness when the Master called him from the battle field. In 1879, his eyesight began to fail which soon resulted in total blindness. His brain in some way became implicated and he lost, to a great extent, his memory, and all his mental faculties became hopelessly obscured, and for nearly two years, he had to be cared for and nursed as an invalid. But in the long dark night of his natural and mental obscurity there was always a bright light in his soul. His trust in his Savior was unfaltering. Love to God and man was the predominant element that dwelt in his inner man. When his brethren called in and prayed with him his hearty responses showed that he understood and enjoyed what was going on. With some one to prompt his memory and lead his thoughts, there were often brilliant flashes of the full assurance of hope. Through his long affliction there was a constant manifestation of perfect innocence in all things. He was resigned to the will of God and easily controlled by his family and often said he had many blessings left to enjoy and be thankful for.

The decline of this good and truly great man was gradual, but constant, until March 16th, 1882, he quietly slept in Jesus. In addition to his long, successful and highly appreciated labors as a minister, in his cultivated and pious family, he has left a rich inheritance to the church of his life long love.

J. G. JONES,

For the Committee

Twentieth Question—Are all the preachers blameless in life and official administration?

Answer—Their names were called over one by one and their characters examined and passed, except I. B. Robertson, who was suspended from the functions of the ministry for six months, and L. Kendall, whose case was referred to the Presiding Elder of the Brookhaven District. Isaac D. Wall voluntarily resigned his credentials and retired from the ministry.

Twenty-first Question—What is the number of local preachers in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?

Answer—Local preachers, 141; members, 23,934. See statistical table.

Twenty-second Question—How many infants have been baptized this year?

Answer—1,621.

Twenty-third Question—How many adults have been baptized this year?

Answer—844.

Twenty-fourth Question—What is the number of Sunday Schools?

Answer—291.

Twenty-fifth Question—What is the number of Sunday School teachers?

Answer—1,511.

Twenty-sixth Question—What is the number of Sunday school scholars?

Answer—10,198.

Twenty-seventh Question—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Answer—\$2500.

Twenty-eighth Question—What has been collected on the foregoing account and how has it been applied?

Answer—From the Pastoral Charges..... \$2,027 90

“ Van Houten Fund..... 54 00

“ Colvin Fund 128 00

Amount \$2,209 90

See Report of Joint Board of Finance.

Twenty-ninth Question—What has been contributed for Missions?

Answer—Foreign..... \$4,022 40

Domestic..... 1,375 00

Total..... \$5,397 00

Thirtieth Question—Where shall the next session of the Conference be held?

Answer—At Natchez, Mississippi. The time to be appointed by the Bishops.

Resolutions.

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders be requested to meet in advance of the first morning session of the Annual Conference, and have the Standing Committees ready for nomination at the opening of Conference.

CHAS. B. GALLOWAY.

Resolved, That the Boards of Trustees in each institution belonging to the Conference, if they have not already done so, be instructed to secure an amendment to their respective charters; providing that from date that all trustees elected shall be confirmed by this Conference before they can become legal trustees.

C. G. ANDREWS.

Report of the Committee on Education.

From our Church schools we have received reports showing them all to be in working order.

East Mississippi Female College, under the efficient direction of President Adkisson is in a prosperous condition. The buildings with that lately erected are good, with ample room, comfortable and well arranged. The faculty is complete, and the attendance well sustained in comparison with last year. This school occupies an excellent position, geographically; under wise administration it has made steady progress, and we commend it as in the highest degree worthy of confidence and patronage. Rev. J. W. Adkisson has been lately elected permanent president of this institution.

Port Gibson Female College has made, of late, decided improvement. The number of pupils is not behind that of last year. The buildings have been completed and put in good order, and grounds beautified and adorned. Rev. T. C. Bradford is exhibiting a remarkable adaptation to the work of teaching, and is constantly increasing the efficiency of the school. Port Gibson is on the line of the railroad from Memphis to New Orleans, now under construction, and the part between Vicksburg and Port Gibson is very soon to be completed. The school is well situated to command patronage, and we confidently believe that it begins now a career of enlarged usefulness and success.

Whitworth Female College has been hitherto perhaps unparalleled in its success. In this we feel that we have great

cause to thank God. It has the promise of equal prosperity, if not greater, in the future. This honored institution of learning keeps pace with the best in all the land, not only in numbers but also in its high grade of scholarship. We desire to put on record our high appreciation of the valuable and eminent services rendered to the Church and the cause of education in the management of Whitworth College by Dr. Johnson, who, by his zeal, wisdom, self sacrifice, and large liberality has attained such splendid results.

From Woodville Female Seminary no report has come to us. We learn however that Rev. T. W. Brown has lately become its president, and under his charge sound teaching will be done. It is a valuable school and its prospects are brightening.

These schools, under the control of our Conference and located in Mississippi, are a blessing and an ornament to our State. In several of them Young Ladies Christian Associations are kept up, and in all we believe there is a deepening tone of piety among the pupils.

Centenary College is the only institution for the education of boys and young men, with which we have anything directly to do. Last year it matriculated one hundred and thirteen pupils, and this session, up to the present time, seventy-one; of these, forty being in the Collegiate Department and thirty-one in the preparatory. Ten of these are young men, fitting themselves for the itinerant ministry, and thirteen are the sons of itinerant ministers.

The moral and religious element in the College is positive and pronounced, and the deportment and application of the students admirable.

During the year changes have been made in the faculty. Dr. Andrews, who had labored for eleven years, faithfully and successfully as the president of the college, resigned in June last, and Rev. D. M. Rush was chosen to succeed him.

Professors Samuel J. Jones and J. W. Lipscomb were elected to chairs in the college.

The faculty is an able one and fuller than at any period since the war. Here young men may receive the best culture. The college merits the patronage of our people, and our sons need the training there given.

It is evident, however, that tuition fees are insufficient—the professors should not bear the whole burden of educating—to keep the college going; we therefore recommend, as was done last year, that assessments, to aid in the education of the above named beneficiaries, be made upon the several districts, equal to the amount for the Bishop's Fund, and that the Presiding Elders make the collection.

A matter of more than usual importance has been presented to us. We refer to the establishment of Paine Institute, a school for the training of colored teachers and preachers. According to the action of the last General Conference, pledging the co-operation of our Church in this matter, Rev. J. E. Evans, D. D., has been already appointed as agent for the school. Its location is to be Augusta, Georgia. Rev. Morgan Calloway, D. D., eminent as an educator, has accepted the presidency of the school. The time has come for its establishment, and the occasion is favorable. We can do no less than encourage and aid the enterprise. If Paul felt himself a debtor, both to the Greeks and to the Barbarians, so also should we to these people. In all cases the strong are under obligations to the weak.

This institute will be a noble monument to the great man whose name it bears, and at the same time a lasting blessing to the colored race.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

As the Board of Education, for the Mississippi Conference, we name the following :

Brandon District—R. J. Jones and A. G. Mayers.

Maridian District—J. W. Harmon and L. P. Brown.

Brookhaven District—W. B. Hines and R. S. Ricketts.

Jackson District—Dr. C. B. Galloway and H. H. Hynes.

Sea Shore District—T. S. West and J. P. Carter.

Woodville District—Dr. C. G. Andrews and G. H. Wiley.

Vicksburg Districts—R. S. Woodward and T. L. Mellen.

OFFICERS.

President—C. G. Andrews.

Vice-President—Thos. L. Mellen.

Secretary—R. J. Jones.

For the Committee,

E. H. MOUNGER.

Report No. 2 of the Committee on Education.

To the Presiding Bishop and members of the Mississippi Conference:

Your Committee on Education to whom was referred the communication from the Board of Trustees of Whitworth Female College, embodying the resolution of said Board of Trustees, and the proposition of the Rev. Dr. H. F. Johnson, dated June 19, 1882, respectfully report as follows:

We advise that the Conference instruct the Board of Trustees of Whitworth Female College to convey to said Johnson their estate in remainder to certain lots in Block K, in the town of Brookhaven, Lincoln County, Mississippi, on which the "Brown House" is erected, provided that the \$4000 due him be not paid him by June 1st, 1882.

E. H. MOUNGER, *Secretary.*

Report of Committee on Publishing Interests.

To the Presiding Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference:

Your Committee on Publishing Interests submit the following report:

1. We congratulate the church on the improved condition of the affairs of the Publishing House at Nashville, and rejoice that the bonded debt has been reduced to \$200,000. by the present Agent and the efficient Manager.

2. We cordially commend to preachers and laymen, as well as to all other persons having or desiring to have a taste for good literature, the Southern Methodist Quarterly *Review*, of which the Rev. Dr. Hinton is the able editor. The *Review* is now entering the fifth year of its successful career. It is no longer an experiment.

3. We note with pleasure the continuing improvement in the Nashville Christian *Advocate*. It should have a more extended circulation within the bounds of our Conference. With it should go the *Advocate of Missions*, which ought to be taken and read by all our members.

4. The Sunday School *Literature* published by our Publishing House ought to be used in all our Sabbath Schools. No better Magazine or Lesson Quarterly can be had anywhere, and the Sunday School *Visitor* is an admirable juvenile paper. Not only should they be used in the Sabbath School but in the families of our members. Our children should be thoroughly taught the doctrines of our church, founded as they are on the immutable word of God, and we know no better way to do this than by using our Methodist literature and our Methodist hymns in our schools and families.

5. "The Southern *Pulpit*," published at Richmond, Va., by the Rev. Dr. Lafferty and his associates, merits a word of approval. It will be found helpful to our preachers, local and itinerant.

6. In conclusion we refer to the New Orleans Christian *Advocate* in which this conference has a peculiar interest, and which is now bound to us by a tie dearer than ever to our hearts.

Our regret at the retirement of the Rev. Dr. Parker from the editorial control of the *Advocate* is out weighed by our joy at his promotion to the Episcopacy, and we pray that he may fill the office long and effectively. In the new editor, the Rev. Dr. Gallaway, one of our own number, we have great confidence and for him we have great affection. We renew our hearty commendation of the *Advocate*, and with increased diligence will strive to place the paper in every family in our bounds.

T. L. MELLEN,

For the Committee.

Report of Committee on Bible Cause.

The circulation of the Scriptures is one of the great interests committed to the Church; and its success in every place depends in a large degree upon a knowledge of the Bible. Next to the preaching of the gospel to the people is the duty of furnishing them with the written word of God. The piety and morality of the people in every community will correspond with their acquaintance with the teachings of the Bible. That Holy Book reveals the way of eternal life, and guides the wandering soul to the Father's house; through that medium Jesus speaks words of spirit and life. Salvation in God's names and by his power is in his word. How important it is then that all should have the Bible. This thought needs no argument to support it in the Christian mind; but it does not appear that we are doing all we can to place the Bible in the hands of the people. As a Conference we make no account of our work in this direction. Perhaps it is because too little is expected from efforts to distribute the Scriptures.

The conference reports do not furnish the means of information as to the work of the Bible cause. The committee cannot gather from anything that appears in the reports of our Church work, that any special effort has been made to circulate the Bible. Information is lacking as to supply and destitution. Rev. J. A. Ivy, of the Southwestern Bible Society, informs us that the entire State of Mississippi has been canvassed by colporteurs, in the employment of the Society. Mr. R. Burton represents the destitution at about twenty-five per cent. of the families visited by him. The work has not been thorough, and there is now considerable destitution in some places. While it is proper for the Conference to co-operate in some measure with the Society; it is also our duty, as a Conference, to have in operation some agency by which this important work can be made more creditable to this body. Therefore,

Resolved, That the pastors be requested hereafter to report to the Annual Conference the number of Bibles and Testaments sold by them during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. SANDELL,

Secretary.

Report of Committee on District Conference Records.

To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference:

The Committee on District Conference Records would respectfully report: That we have carefully examined the Records of the Vicksburg, Jackson, Meridian, Brandon, Sea Shore and Woodville Districts. The Records of the Brookhaven District were not before the Committee.

We find the Records of the Vicksburg District Conference, in the main, well kept, except, however, it does not appear from the Records of the first day's session that it was ever adjourned, and is not signed by anyone.

The Records of the Meridian District are well kept, except some interlineations.

The Records of the Sea Shore District are well kept. We recommend the Secretary of that Conference to make use of the margin in his Record-book for convenient reference.

The Records of the Jackson District are well kept.

The Records of the Woodville District are a model of neatness and exactness. The marginal reference of this record is to be especially commended.

The Records of the Brandon District are kept in a correct and business-like manner. We heartily commend the manner of keeping them to other Secretaries of District Conferences.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. CHAMBERS, Chairman.

HENRY KEY, Secretary.

Report of Committee on Church Extension.

Your Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Church Extension, beg to make the following report:

That, WHEREAS, provision was made by our last General Conference for the organization of a society to be known as the "Board of Church Extension of the M. E. Church South"; and also for the organization in each Annual Conference of a a "Conference Board," to be auxiliary to the Parent Board, we would present, as the Constitution of this Annual Conference Board, the following:

ARTICLE 1.—Name.

This organization shall be known as the Board of Church Extension of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

ARTICLE 2.—Officers and their Duties.

The officers of this Board shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer and five managers, to be elected by the Mississippi Annual Conference, on nomination of the Presiding Elders, at its session next succeeding each session of the General Conference. The President, Secretary and Treasurer shall constitute an Executive Committee. The duties of the officers and of the Executive Committee shall be the same as usually pertain to such officers and committee in similar bodies.

ARTICLE 3.—*Object.*

The object of this Board is to assist as an auxiliary the Parent Board, and to take charge of all the interests and work of Church Extension in the Mississippi Annual Conference according to the provisions of the Discipline.

ARTICLE 4.—*Funds.*

The funds of this Board shall be derived from contributions from the Parent Board, from collections taken by each preacher in every congregation, donations and bequests.

ARTICLE 5.—*Meetings.*

This Board shall hold a regular meeting at each session of the Annual Conference, at which regular meeting provision shall be made for anniversary exercises. Special meetings may be held on call of the Executive Committee. Five members of the Board shall be a quorum at any meeting. Vacancies in the interim of the Conference shall be filled by the Board.

ARTICLE 6.—*Aid.*

All applications for aid shall set forth: 1st. A description of the building for which aid is asked. 2d, The estimated and probable cost when completed. 3d. The amount of cash and reliable subscriptions now on hand. 4th, The nature of the title, its validity, whether held in trust for the Methodist Episcopal Church South, 5th. The names of the Board of Trustees. 6th. The number of church members, Sunday school children, and population of the place, if within town or city. 7th. Any additional facts that may be required by the Board or that may be deemed necessary or useful to the Board in making a decision. In no case shall the Treasurer pay money to aid any church building until ordered to do so by the Executive Committee. And in no case shall the Executive Committee make an order for such payment till furnished with a written certificate from the recorder of deeds for the county in which the building is being erected, showing that a warranty deed conveying the site of the church edifice in fee simple to the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, is on record, and also a written certificate from the trustees of such church building assuring the committee that the payment asked for from this Board will speedily open the house for use, free of debt.

ARTICLE 7.—*Assessment.*

The Board at its regular meeting shall apportion among the Presiding Elders' districts the amount assessed upon the Conference by the Parent Board, and the District Stewards are instructed to apportion the assessments upon the districts among the several charges of the same.

We would suggest as those who shall constitute the Mississippi Annual Conference Board of Church Extension the following names: W. L. Nugent, President; W. C. Black, Vice President; E. H. Mounger, Secretary, J. W. Adkisson, Treasurer; Geo. Wood, S. T. Taylor, T. A. Holloman, J. A. Ellis, and L. Carley, Managers.

T. B. HOLLOWAY,

Chairman of Committee.

Report on the Observance of the Sabbath.

To the President, Presiding Elders and Members of the Mississippi Conference.

The committee, to whom was referred the subject of "The Observance of the Sabbath," having had the same under consideration, beg leave to report that upon a due observance of this sacred day the moral and religious development of mankind largely depends. This day was set apart by our gracious heavenly Father for the benefit of man. He knew perfectly the necessities of our nature, and provided this as a most important means of preserving a remembrance of him and of the duties enjoined by his wisdom. Without its hallowed influence little attention would be paid to things which most concern us both here and hereafter. The language used by the Divine law-giver is both impressive and emphatic: "In it thou shalt not do any work." And the injunction is laid upon the master of the household to exercise his restraining influence over his children, servants, cattle, and "the stranger that is within thy gates." How broad and comprehensive is the command. We trace the history of the day as the sacred record presents it. With what scrupulous minuteness is its observance enjoined! With what severe penalties is its violation punished! To us it may appear a little thing to have gathered manna on the Sabbath. But the provision was positive, and the necessity met by abundant provision on the previous day. Nor was this inhibition an idle or arbitrary one. God never thus legislates. This and all similar provisions regarding its observance, were doubtless designed to impress upon our minds and hearts that this day is "holy unto the Lord, our God," and that he would not hold him guiltless who disregarded its requirements. The history of nations and the history of individuals, through the long ages of the past, bear witness to the fact that nations have advanced in the higher scale of civilization, and individuals in moral and religious development, in proportion to the estimation in which they held and observed this day of days.

Your committee is painfully impressed with the belief that there is a deplorable laxity in the observance of the Sabbath both in Church and State, and they hail with delight the increasing evidences that the Church, at least, is beginning to awaken from its slumber and to arouse itself to the importance of making this day what our beneficent Creator designed it should be.

Your Committee will not undertake to enumerate the many ways in which disregard of the Sabbath is manifested; but they trust it will not be deemed improper to mention a few of the most common: Unnecessary traveling, social visiting, riding for pleasure or on business, going to market, dining with friends, light and idle conversation, reading books and papers other than religious, unnecessary absence from the house of worship. These, we think, are among the most common ways in which this day is desecrated.

Your Committee is of the opinion that sufficient care is not taken on the part of Christian parents to instruct their children on this most important subject. Advice and restraint are both needed in this direction. It is no easy matter so to lead the youthful mind that it will not weary of the day, but will hail it with delight. Yet the end to be accomplished is worthy of all our most preserving efforts.

Your Committee is impressed with the conviction that the importance of observing this day has not been sufficiently enforced from our pulpits. They, therefore, most respectfully recommend that our preachers bring this subject before their respective congregations at least once a year, and fully instruct them in the regulations of our Discipline upon this subject.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. WOOD, Chairman.

Report of the Committee on Temperance.

The evils of intemperance are so manifest and prevalent, so disastrous in their results, so withering and blighting to all the interests of human society, as to call forth the most earnest and persistent efforts of all true friends of progress. No one single vice offers such formidable opposition to the success of the gospel, nor entails such misery and wretchedness upon its votaries. If it could stand alone, divorced from every other vice, it would be bad enough to deserve universal execration; but when we remember that it fosters and engenders almost all other vices we can but regard it as the greatest evil of the age. All the better instincts of human nature, as well as the principles of our holy religion, demand its extirpation. It is an enemy making insidious approaches, under the guise of good, to which we must not give place; no, not for one moment! We can make no concessions, no weak compromises, hoping to conciliate the demon. It is an unmitigated curse, against which we proclaim war to the bitter end. We call upon all Christians, all patriots and philanthropists, all men, women and children, who have at heart the good of their country, to come to the rescue. Help by your influence, your prayers, efforts and money to deliver our land from the withering blight of intemperance.

Your committee believe if all professing Christians of this State would unite against this monster evil it would force our legislators to enact laws for its extirpation or, at least, its suppression. But so long as there is a large percentage of church members that, in theory and practice, give countenance and aid to this unholy traffic we may not hope for any relief from this quarter. We do not believe, however, that the law regulating the sale of alcoholic and spirituous liquors, as it now stands upon the statute, is a correct exponent of the sentiment of the people of our State. It sometimes happens that the Legislature goes in advance of public sentiment. This time, if we are not greatly mistaken, it has lagged behind. The agitation throughout every portion of the State of the prohibition question, for months preceding the convening of our last Legislature, demanded respectful consideration on the part of our representatives. In view of these facts your committee submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, That as teachers and ministers, we will use our best endeavors to bring all the people of our several charges to a hearty support of the prohibition measure,

Resolved, That we regard the signing of the petition for license to retail alcoholic liquors by a dealer, on the part of our members, as a compromise of Christian principle deserving severest rebuke.

Resolved, That we will not support for important offices of trust or honor drunken or immoral men, nor those known to be unfriendly to the temperance reform.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

N. B. YOUNG, Chairman.

Report on Sunday-Schools.

Report of the Sunday-School Board of Mississippi Annual Conference:

TO THE CONFERENCE: Said Board, as established during the present session of the Conference, in pursuance of ¶ 104 of the Discipline, respectfully reports, that its organization has been perfected by the election of officers as follows: J. M. Weems, President; S. B. Watts, Secretary and W. C. Black, Treasurer.

Your Board recommends that a Sunday-school Conference be held in each Presiding Elder's District, in connection with the District Conference, during the ensuing Conference year, and that at such Conference, steps be taken looking to the holding of a Conference Sunday-school Convention, within the bounds of the Conference, at such time and place as this Board may designate; provided this Board shall deem the holding of such Convention during the ensuing year, expedient.

Your Board adopted a resolution instructing its President and Secretary to solicit a contribution of one dollar from each Sunday-school within the bounds of the Conference, to be used in meeting such necessary expenses as may be incurred by it in effecting the objects for which it has been established, (and it requests that the pastors of the various charges call the attention of Sunday-school Superintendents to this collection) and remit and ask them to report at once the same to W. C. Black, Treasurer.

Your Board, as a Committee on Sunday-schools, regret that we have not had time, owing to the lateness of the day of session of the Conference when this special duty was imposed upon us, and the demand of other duties upon its members, to give such attention to the subject as was desired. We are gratified however, in being able to report from an inspection of the reports from the various charges, that there has been during the year, an increase in the number of Sunday-schools, yet, we fell short of what should be the minimum number of Sunday-schools—a Sunday-school for every church. Certainly *ten* persons can be "collected" and organized into a Sunday-school at each preaching place.

We find gratifying evidences of a growing appreciation of our Sunday-school publications. There has been an increase during the year, of nearly twenty per cent., in the number of Sunday-school periodicals taken. We trust no publications are embraced in the reports save those of our Publishing House. Methodists risk nothing in placing these publications in the hands of their children—there is danger in supplying your Sunday-schools from other sources.

We recommend that the hour for the meeting of the Sunday-school be fixed with reference to the regular services of the church. It is a fact, and one to be deplored, that a large proportion of the children of the church do not attend these services. While we would not depreciate the importance of the Sunday-school, we submit that it should not be allowed to take the place of the services conducted by those called of God to preach his word. We leave this question to the godly judgment and consideration of those who have the immediate management of the Sunday-schools.

A word with reference to "Union Sunday-schools. Not desiring to be considered "sectarian" in an offensive sense, we respectfully submit that Methodist children should be in Methodist Sunday-schools for the same reason that Methodist men and women should in the Methodist church. We therefore urge upon Pastors and Quarterly Conferences to establish firmly Methodist Sunday-schools at every place where practicable, and to discourage the attendance by the children of our church on Union-schools.

Recommended by Committee on Sunday-schools.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD.

Sea Shore District—J. M. Weems, George Wood.

Woodville District—D. M. Rush, G. T. McGehee.

Brandon District—C. McDonald, Wm. M. Thornton.

Brookhaven District—H. F. Johnson, J. G. Bradenhausen.

Vicksburg District—W. C. Black, Thos. Reed.

Jackson District—J. M. Pugh W. L. Nugent.

Respectfully submitted,

S. B. WATTS, Sect'y.

Collection for Ministerial Education.

Report of amounts received from the Presiding Elders of the Mississippi Annual Conference for the education of young ministers:

From Rev. T. S. West, P. E., Sea Shore District.....	\$73 40
" " D. A. Little, " Woodville "	74 80
" " R. S. Woodward, P. E., Vicksburg District.....	71 05
" " J. A. Godfrey, P. E., Meridian District	48 40
" " W. L. C. Hunnicutt, P. E., Jackson District.....	5 75
" " J. A. B. Jones, P. E., Brookhaven District.....	97 55
Total.....	\$370 95

[Signed.] D. M. RUSH,

Crystal Springs, Miss., Dec. 18, 1882.

Tribute to Bishop Robert Paine.

WHEREAS, It hath pleased the Supreme Head of the Church to remove from the Church Militant to the Church Triumphant, in a ripe old age, our senior Bishop, Rev. Robert Paine, D. D., therefore

RESOLVED, 1st. That while we submissively bow to the will of God in his removal, we unitedly offer to him thanksgiving and praise for having given us such a superior minister and General Superintendent and continued to bless the church so long with his holy example and highly appreciated and useful labors.

RESOLVED, 2nd, That we recommend his example, through the whole course of his long life, as worthy the imitation of all our ministers of every grade.

RESOLVED, 3rd, That as a token of our love for our honored Bishop who was a citizen of our State, we will unite with the North Mississippi Conference in raising funds to erect a suitable monument at his grave to perpetuate his name and virtues to future generations.

RESOLVED, 4th, That we request the publication of these resolutions in the Nashville and New Orleans Christian *Advocates* and the *Mississippi Methodist*.

J. G. JONES,
H. F. JOHNSON.

Committee Appointed to Act With North Mississippi Conference.

C. G. Andrews, C. B. Galloway, J. A. Godfrey.

Report of Joint Board of Finance.

To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference:

The Joint Board of Finance have instructed us to make the following report:

The amount assessed against the Conference at its last session for the Bishops' fund is \$900, and for the Conference fund \$2500. These amounts were apportioned as follows:

Districts.	Bishop's Fund.	Conf. Fund.
Vicksburg.....	\$185 00.....	\$485 00
Jackson.....	185 00.....	485 00
Brandon.....	100 00.....	215 00
Brookhaven.....	145 00.....	400 00
Woodville.....	100 00.....	310 00
Sea Shore.....	70 00.....	205 00
Meridian.....	115 00.....	400 00
 Total.....	\$900 00.....	\$2500 00

The following amounts have been reported to and received by the Joint Board from the several Presiding Elders' Districts of the Conference, on account of the said funds:

Districts.	Bishop's Fund.	Conf. Fund.
Vicksburg.....	\$187 25.....	\$380 60
Jackson.....	185 00.....	361 35
Brandon.....	106 75.....	158 15
Brookhaven.....	150 00.....	272 00
Woodville.....	94 55.....	232 90
Sea Shore.....	101 20.....	233 10
Meridian.....	136 80.....	339 80
 Total.....	\$961 55.....	\$2027 90

In addition to the above the Board has received for the Conference Fund from the Van Houton Trust Fund, \$54 00, making the total amount for distribution among the Conference claimants \$2081 90, which has been disposed of as hereinafter set forth.

The Joint Board have also received from the Colvin bequest, for widows and orphans, the sum of \$127 90. To this has been added, to facilitate distribution, ten cents, making the whole sum \$128 00, which has been apportioned among the stated beneficiaries, regard being had to the necessities of the parties so far as these could be ascertained, in the manner following:

BENEFICIARY.

<i>To Whom Handed.</i>	<i>Amount Paid.</i>
Mrs. W. E. M. Linfield and three children.....	\$ 8 00
“ Ulysses Thompson and three children.....	8 00
“ W. W. Drake and three children.....	8 00
“ H. D. Berry and two children.....	8 00
“ R. J. Jones and three children.....	4 00
“ Wm. Wadsworth and two children.....	8 00
“ H. P. Bowen and three children.....	12 00
“ J. J. Smylie and three children.....	4 00
“ John C. Johnson.....	6 00
“ Richard H. Herbert.....	6 00
“ James Long.....	4 00
“ H. H. Montgomery.....	6 00
“ W. H. Watkins.....	4 00
“ V. H. Johnson.....	6 00
“ Samuel Dawson.....	4 00
“ David Higgins.....	6 00
“ Jesse McKay.....	4 00
“ Preston Cooper.....	6 00
“ B. M. Drake.....	6 00
“ William Finn.....	8 00
Miss Jane Day.....	2 00
Mrs. C. C. Watkins.....	.....
“ P. H. Napier.....	.....
Total.....	\$128 00

The amount received for the Bishops' Fund has been paid out to parties entitled to receive the same and the proper receipt taken and forwarded.

The Conference Fund proper has been distributed in the amounts and to the persons following:

<i>Claimants,</i>	<i>To whom handed,</i>	<i>Amount paid,</i>
Rev. Wm. Spillman.....	Self.....	\$88 75
“ J. N. Williams and wife.....	C, McDonald.....	88 75
“ J. G. Jones and wife.....	Self.....	88 75
“ D. W. Dillehay.....	Self.....	133 25
“ Joseph Nicholson and wife.....	R, B, Downer.....	66 55
“ E. R. Strickland.....	Self.....	66 55
“ E. A. Flowers.....	Self.....	88 75
Mrs. W. E. M. Linfield and three children.....	B, F. Jones.....	88 75
“ Ulysses Thompson and three children.....	J. C. Brogan.....	88 75
“ W. W. Drake and three children.....	J, P, Drake.....	88 75

" H. D. Berry and two children.....	W. B. Hines.....	88 75
" R. J. Jones and three children.....	J. A. Ellis.....	44 40
" Wm. Wadsworth and two children.....	I. W. Cooper.....	88 75
" H. P. Bowen and three children.....	W. B. Lewis.....	133 25
" J. J. Smylie and three children.....	R. D. Norsworthy	44 40
John C. Johnson.....	Henry Key.....	66 55
Richard H. Herbert.....	R. S. Woodward.....	66 55
James Long.....	C. F. Gillespie.....	44 40
Montgomery	H. R. Caldwell.....	66 55
W. H. Watkins.....	W. C. Black.....	44 40
" V. H. Johnson.....	P. A. Johnson.....	66 55
" Samuel Dawson.....	J. W. Brown.....	44 40
" David Wiggins.....	H. R. Caldwell.....	66 55
" Jesse McKay.....	L. P. Meador.....	44 40
" Preston Cooper.....	I. W. Cooper.....	66 55
" B. M. Drake.....	W. E. Ballard.....	66 55
" Wm. Finn.....	J. S. Parker.....	88 60
" C. C. Watkins.....		.....
" P. H. Napier.....		.....
Miss Jane Day.....	C. G. Andrews.....	22 30

Total.....		\$2041 50
Balance on hand not accounted for.....		\$40 40

The Board has concluded upon and now reports to the Conference for adoption the assessment of the past year for the support of the Bishops and Conference claimants, and has apportioned the same as follows:

Districts.	Bishops' Fund.	Conf. Fund.
Vicksburg.....	\$185 00.....	\$485 00
Jackson.....	185 00	485 00
Brandon.....	100 00	215 00
Brookhaven.....	145 00.....	400 00
Woodville.....	100 00.....	310 00
Sea Shore.....	70 00.....	205 00
Meridian.....	115 00.....	400 00
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Total.....	\$900 00	\$2500 00

Respectfully submitted for the Board.

W. L. NUGENT, Secretary.

Missionary Day,

Was observed on Friday. Searching inquiries were made into the methods of raising funds for Missions in order to correct the bad and improve the good. Laymen and Ministers participated. Dr. D. C. Kelley, Treasurer of the Parent Board gave efficient service in eliciting information. Rev. B. Carradine moved that the Conference at once proceed to raise a contribution to Missions as a thank offering to the Lord. Whereupon \$346 00 were contributed.

Report of Treasurer of Board of Missions.

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT, Treasurer. Dr.

To amount received from the Secretary of the Board and Anniversary collection for Domestic Missions.....	\$1375 00
To amount received for Foreign Missions.....	3972 40
	50

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By am't paid R. T. Davis who served Bayou Sara Mission	\$125 00
" " " J. W. Brown " " Livingston " " 50 00	
" " " Jos. Nicholson " " Franklin " " 125 00	
" " " D. F. Guice " " Spring Cottage " " 100 00	
" " " R. C. Bethea " " Fair River " " 125 00	
" " " John Lusk " " Hinds " " 150 00	
" " " J. A. Vance " " Beech Springs " " 100 00	
" " " J. Healey " " Philadelphia " " 100 00	
" " " M. J. Miller " " Ludlow " " 100 00	
" " " T. J. Miller " " Decatur " " 100 00	
" " " R. F. Witt " " Long Creek " " 100 00	
" " " D. Merchant " " Chickasaha " " 100 00	
" " " R. F. Flowers " " Ponchatula " " 100 00	

Total	\$1375 00
By amount of D. C. Kelley's receipt of all monies for Foreign Missions.....	\$3972 40
	50

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT,

Treasurer Missionary Board

Missionary Board.

J. T. Heard, Presided; R. S. Woodward, Vice-President;
_____, Secretary; W. L. C. Hunnicutt, Treasurer. J. A. Ellis,
J. A. Godfrey, H. T. Johnson, R. J. Jones, D. A. Little, T. L.
West, J. M. Gann, C. A. Galloway, F. M. Williams, Irwin Miller,
J. L. Forsythe, J. P. Drake, G. F. Thompson, L. Carley, H. Key,
W. L. Nugent, J. P. Stevens, J. W. McCormick, B. S. Ricketts, J.
H. Thompson, Palmer Smith, T. P. Richardson, R. Babington, J.
P. Carter, B. Jones.

Appportionments for Missions.

Districts.	Foreign.	Domestic.
Vicksburg.....	\$1252 00.....	\$400 00
Jackson.....	1252 00.....	400 00
Brookhaven.....	963 00.....	240 00
Woodyville.....	963 00.....	240 00
Meridian.....	870 50.....	240 00
Brandon.....	870 00.....	240 00
Sea Shore.....	680 00.....	200 00
 Totals.....	\$6850 00.....	\$1960 00

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT, Treasurer Missionary Board.

Joint Board of Finance for 1883.

Clarence A. Powell, B. S. Rayner, H. P. Lewis, E. H. Mounger,
C. McDonald, R. D. Norsworthy, W. C. Black, H. E. Newsom, R.
Babington, J. H. Thompson, W. L. Nugent, W. M. Thornton,
L. P. Brown, T. A. Holloman.

Committees of Examination.

COMMITTEE TO EXAMINE CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL:

Benj. Jones, J. A. Ellis, J. P. Drake.

COMMITTEE OF FIRST YEAR:

W. B. Lewis, W. D. Dominick, J. M. Weems.

COMMITTEE OF SECOND YEAR:

D. M. Rush, C. McDonald, Lyman Carley.

COMMITTEE OF THIRD YEAR:

C. B. Galloway, R. J. Jones, J. M. McLaurin.

COMMITTEE OF FOURTH YEAR:

C. G. Andrews, W. C. Black, E. H. Mounger.

Visiting Committees.

VISITORS TO WHITWORTH COLLEGE:

C. G. Andrews, W. C. Black.

VISITORS TO PORT GIBSON FEMALE COLLEGE:

W. L. C. Hunnicut, E. H. Mounger.

VISITORS TO EAST MISSISSIPPI FEMALE COLLEGE:

J. M. Pugh, Thomas M. West.

VISITORS TO CENTENARY COLLEGE:

R. S. Woodward, J. P. Drake.

VISITORS TO WOODVILLE FEMALE SEMINARY:

C. A. Powell, W. E. Ballard.

Next Session of Conference,

To be held at Nachez, Miss. Time to be appointed by the Bishops.

Resolutions of Thanks.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of the Conference are due and they are hereby tendered to the good people of Crystal Springs for the very hospitable manner in which they have entertained us, and that we will ever remember them at the throne of Grace.

RESOLVED, That we tender our thanks to the Presbyterian and Baptist churches for the use of their houses of worship during the session of the Conference.

RESOLVED, That we tender to our worthy Conference host, Rev. W. B. Lewis our most hearty thanks for his faithful performance of duty.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the Natchez, Jackson and Columbus, the Vicksburg and Meridian, Chicago, St. Louis and New Orleans Railroads for courtesies extended us.

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Conference are due and are hereby tendered to the Messrs. Birdsong & Abby, Proprietors of the Crystal Springs *Meteor* for the publication of our proceedings in their daily edition.

R. B. DOWNER,
J. M. WEEMS,
D. M. RUSH.

APPOINTMENTS OF THE PREACHERS.

Woodville District—D. A. LITTLE, Presiding Elder.

Woodville—T. S. West.
Wilkinson—T. W. Brown.
North Wilkinson—D. A. Givens.
Amite—E. F. Edgar.
Clinton, La.—C. A. Powell.
East Feliciana—G. M. Gilmore.
Bayou Sara and Mission, to be
supplied.
East Baton Rouge—J. W. Brown

St. Helena, J. S. Parker.
Amite City—B. Jones.
Livingston Mission—D. Mer-
chant.
Jackson, La. to be supplied.
Pipkin's Chapel and Port Hud-
son—C. D. Cecil.
President Centenary College—
D. M. Rush.

Sea Shore District—B. S. RAYNER, Presiding Elder.

Moss Point—J. M. Weems.
Americus, to be supplied (by
Irvin Roberts).
Vancleave—J. H. Holland.
Ocean Springs—R. B. Downer.
Pearlington—J. T. Heard.
Whittington—C. F. Gillespie.
Franklington Mission—J. J.
Lovett.
Covington—N. B. Young.

China Grove—W. W. Simmons.
Mt. Carmel—J. W. McLaurin.
Westville, to be supplied.
Enon, to be supplied.
Spring Cottage Mission—D. F.
Guice.
Ellisville—L. J. Jones (and one
to be supplied).
Scranton—T. Price.

Jackson District—W. L. C. HUNNICUTT, Presiding Elder.

Jackson—Chas. B. Galloway.
Madison—P. A. Johnson.
Hinds Mission—H. L. Scar-
brough.
Sharon—H. R. Caldwell,
Benton and Midway—I. W.
Cooper.
Dover—T. W. Adams.
Tranquil—R. T. Davis.
Silver Creek—Martin A. Bell.

Camden—J. W. Chambers.
Yazoo City—T. B. Holloman.
Edwards—E. H. Mounger.
Raymond—D. P. Bradford.
Canton—H. R. Singleton.
Missionary to China—J. W.
Lambuth.
Editor N. O. Christien Advo-
cate—Chas. B. Galloway.

Brandon District—J. M. GANN, Presiding Elder.

Brandon—R. J. Jones.	Walnut Grove—J. H. Evans.
Fannin—J. W. Ellison.	Carthage—N. M. Clark.
Marvin—G. F. Thompson.	Newton—Geo. Bancroft.
Cato—R. A. Sibley.	Forest and Morton—F. M. Williams.
Trenton—A. D. Miller.	Hillsboro—L. P. Meador.
Raleigh—James Hailey.	Decatur Mission, to be supplied
Lake—I. L. Peebles.	Vanderbilt University—W. R. Sims.
Homewood Mission—C. McDonald.	

Meridian District—JAMES A. GODFREY, Presiding Elder.

Meridian—R. D. Norsworthy.	Waynesboro and State Line—J. W. Harmon.
Enterprise and Quitman—J. M. Pugh.	Winchester—W. W. Cammack.
Meridian Circuit—To be supplied (by J. C. Williams.)	Marion—R. F. Witt.
Vosburg—To be supplied (by J. B. Baldwin.)	Lauderdale—D. C. Langford.
Paulding—G. Hawkins.	DeKalb—D. G. W. Ellis.
Shubuta—W. D. Dominick.	Linwood—L. S. Jones.
DeSoto—J. C. Brogan.	Philadelphia Mission—R. F. Flowers.
	Mississippi Female College—J. W. Adkisson, President.

Vicksburg District—C. G. ANDREWS, Presiding Elder.

Vicksburg—R. S. Woodward.	Fayette—J. P. Drake.
Warren—W. W. Hurst.	Kingston—To be supplied (by A. F. Watkins.)
Mayersville and Skipwith—L. Carley.	Natchez—W. C. Black.
Rolling Fork—J. H. Shelton.	Natchez City Mission—Supplied (by T. L. Mellen.)
Mt. Olivet—P. Howard.	Meadville—J. W. Sandell.
Rocky Springs—R. Bradley.	Port Gibson Female College—T. C. Bradford, President.
Cayuga—J. S. Calhoun.	
Port Gibson—W. E. Ballard.	

Brookhaven District—J. A. B. JONES, Presiding Elder.

Brookhaven—J. A. Ellis.	Scotland—B. F. Jones.
Hazlehurst—W. G. Millsaps.	Adams and Bogue Chitto—S. J. Cotton.
Beauregard and Wesson—J. L. Forsythe.	Summit—W. B. Hines.
Spring Ridge—M. C. Callaway.	McComb City—J. T. Nicholson.
Terry—J. D. Hays.	Sunday-School and Tract Agent —W. W. Hopper.
Providence—H. P. Lewis.	Whitworth Female College—H. F. Johnson, President.
Fair River Mission—W. G. Backus.	Transferred—B. Carradine, to Louisiana Conference.
Brandywine—V. D. Skipper.	
Bayou Pierre—A. B. Nicholson.	

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Woodville District.

Woodville District		TOTAL	
Accessions during the year.....	2	52	82
Deaths.....	2	1	5
Expelled, with'd'n, remv'd & drop'd.....	6	13	40
Members at present.....	84	222	387
Local preachers.....	1	1	2
Adults baptized.....	1	15	50
Infants baptized.....	2	55	14
Sunday schools.....	1	5	4
Officers and Teachers.....	9	12	19
Scholars.....	.60	80	137
Volumes in Library.....	200	125	140
S. S. Periodicals taken.....	82	125	126
Church Papers taken.....	14	70	44
Churches.....	1	5	6
Value of Churches.....	6000	4250	2200
Sittings.....	800	500	2000
Parsonages.....	1	1	1
Value of Parsonages.....	2000	600	300
Value of other Church Property.....	18	812	60
Expended for Sunday Schools.....	3200	15	100
Expended on Churches.....	625	30	100
Expended on Parsonages.....	100	95	90
Assessed for Foreign Missions.....	68	70	94
Collected for Foreign Missions.....	24	20	15
Assessed for Domestic Missions.....	11	20	14
Collected for Domestic Missions.....	24	20	15
Assessed for Conference Fund.....	13	50	25
Collected for Conference Fund.....	9	7	6
Pastor's Salary.....	600	500	400
Receipts.....	470	351	252
Salary of P. E.....	100	85	70
Receipts.....	78	61	65
Assessed for Bishops.....	9	7	6
Collected for Bishops.....	9	6	6
Education.....	9	532	40
Other Objects.....	620	205	81
C. G. Andrews, J. D. Jackson, L. W. Cope, E. Boston Frouge R. Y. Sargent & Misses' u P. T. Davies, C. D. Gell, I. W. Cope, S. E. Helenea H. B. Robinson, J. D. Roberson, A. Mite City J. D. Jackson, D. M. Bush, D. P. Pinckins and Port Hudson R. F. Powers, P. H. Godchaux & Port Hudson C. G. Andrews, J. D. Jackson, L. W. Cope, E. Boston Frouge R. Y. Sargent & Misses' u P. T. Davies, C. D. Gell, I. W. Cope, S. E. Helenea H. B. Robinson, J. D. Roberson, A. Mite City J. D. Jackson, D. M. Bush, D. P. Pinckins and Port Hudson R. F. Powers, P. H. Godchaux & Port Hudson	27	27	

Sea Shore District

STATISTICAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

Brookhaven District.

	L. W. McLaurin Brookhaven.	M. G. Millsey's, Hazlehurst.	W. W. Hopper and Wesson	M. C. Callaway's, Springs	J. L. Fosbry, Springs	R. C. Beecher, Providence.	N. K. Youde, Fair River, Miss.	A. B. Nicholson, Terry	M. G. Lewis, Cryetal Springs	J. L. Fosbry, Springs	H. P. Lewis, Selma.	W. B. Hines, Summit.	L. T. Nicholsen, McComb City and McMolia.	TOTAL	
Ascensions during the year.....	18	45	121	87	70	25	33	35	74	9	22	14	100	94	1
Deaths.....	1	6	6	4	5	3	3	3	4	1	8	6	6	5	5
Expelled, with'd'n, rem'd & dropped.....	23	6	31	37	10	45	8	6	51	175	330	345	247	247	2
Members at present.....	177	228	404	237	277	205	263	92	517	21	2	7	5	28	38
Local Preachers.....	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	5	15	9
Adults Baptized.....	4	6	65	7	15	3	10	26	17	4	5	2	4	4	2
Infants Baptized.....	1	8	2	8	19	6	7	17	5	5	2	1	1	1	1
Sunday Schools.....	1	1	2	2	5	3	3	3	5	2	2	1	1	1	1
Officers and Teachers.....	13	9	20	18	25	15	16	16	25	8	17	17	36	13	13
Scholars.....	135	80	150	120	125	120	126	126	220	58	160	160	190	120	120
Volumes in Library.....	550	200	60	50	40	30	30	30	30	66	175	150	100	100	100
S. S. Periodicals taken.....	165	66	150	100	175	50	160	160	160	16	200	75	188	80	80
Church Papers taken.....	12	36	40	20	15	15	15	15	15	11	25	24	50	11	11
Churches.....	1	1	2	1	3	4	4	4	2	5	4	5	4	1	3
Value of Churches.....	4000	2000	5000	2500	1200	900	900	900	3000	2050	4100	2100	2200	1900	1900
Sittings.....	400	350	700	400	800	800	800	800	1200	400	1200	750	1900	1400	800
Parsonages.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Value of Parsonages.....	1700	1000	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500	1500
Value of other Church Property.....	50000	20	50	50	40	15	15	15	10	10	11	23	70	40	65
Expended for Sunday Schools.....	72	20	125	160	80	33	33	33	200	117	131	131	131	131	131
Expended on Churches.....	1200	...	...	65	65	65	65	65	65	75	60	100	65	76	76
Expended on Parsonages	100	100	76	100	65	15	42	42	42	25	10	34	36	76	76
Assessed for Parsonages	50	80	76	100	65	12	12	12	12	20	30	25	12	20	20
Collected for Foreign Missions.....	25	25	20	25	20	25	14	10	10	8	6	14	10	20	20
Assessed for Domestic Missions.....	25	7	20	25	25	25	25	25	25	22	6	40	25	30	30
Collected for Domestic Missions.....	40	40	30	40	25	15	20	20	20	22	6	20	25	48	31
Assessed for Conference Fund.....	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	40	500	400	500	450	500	425
Collected for Conference Fund.....	500	600	600	700	400	500	450	450	450	281	412	30	344	281	298
Pastor's Salary.....	318	500	500	700	400	281	412	30	344	413	397	298	453	453	453
Receipts.....	100	100	70	100	65	65	65	65	65	70	65	65	60	80	75
Salary of P. E.,.....	61	73	70	100	65	36	59	400	46	37	65	83	63	68	77
Receipts.....	15	15	11	15	11	8	8	8	8	11	8	15	8	12	11
Assessed for Bishops.....	7	15	11	15	11	8	5	5	8	6	4	60	10	8	7
Collected for Bishops.....	10	10	11	11	5	8	5	5	5	10	6	4	45	8	7
Education.....	114	16	100	4	100	4	100	4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Other Objects.....	114	16	100	4	100	4	100	4	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

STATISTICAL.—CONTINUED.

Jackson District

STATISTICAL TABLE--CONTINUED.

Brandon District.

RECAPITULATION.

	Jackson:	Meridian.	Brandon.	Vicksburg.	Woodyville.	Sea Shore.	Brookhaven.	Total, 1882.	Total, 1881.	Increase.	Decrease.
Accessions during the year.....	108	593	571	295	387	507	677	3115	2308	847	.....
Deaths.....	46	55	53	38	44	32	41	304	280	24	.....
Expelled, withdrawn, removed and dropped.....	85	163	170	91	142	87	171	909	955	.....	60
Members at present.....	2053	4451	4510	2320	3241	3531	3829	23934	23901	33	.....
Local Preachers.....	11	26	23	19	18	24	25	141	144	.....	3
Adults Baptized.....	27	161	231	68	118	122	117	844	702	142	.....
Infants Baptized.....	73	201	141	131	178	777	120	1621	999	522	.....
Sunday Schools.....	26	65	35	36	39	51	291	284	7	.....	.....
Officers and Teachers.....	175	326	188	205	152	233	232	1511	1411	100	.....
Scholars.....	1082	2488	1477	1114	1198	1480	1659	10198	9827	371	.....
Volumes in Library.....	2744	1829	960	1970	814	725	1271	9818	9652	161	.....
S. S. Periodicals taken.....	1105	1523	708	735	996	1200	1331	7598	6489	109	.....
Church Papers taken.....	301	456	200	350	326	415	288	2236	2130	106	.....
Churches.....	33	65	62	84	54	41	336	342	342	6	.....
Value of Churches.....	36700	2525	38515	82200	38550	24500	30300	277900	325801	47811	.....
Sittings.....	7050	15225	14650	8700	16050	9853	11100	82130	76600	5330	.....
Parsonages.....	12	10	7	8	9	8	7	61	54	7	.....
Value of Parsonages.....	18425	6150	3250	8250	7150	4760	6200	49086	47715	1371	.....
Value of other Church Property.....	16400	2000	37350	80000	2900	53410	122060	133205	59855	21	.....
Expended for Sunday Schools.....	333	888	219	441	218	242	466	2307	2338	.....	.....
Expended on Churches.....	6882	1312	1305	3706	5470	2261	1195	11436	11436	.....	.....
Assessed for Foreign Missions.....	720	5533	205	1156	1221	304	1265	5424	3703	1721	.....
Assessed for Domestic Missions.....	1337	890	830	1177	1023	610	1018	6885	3769	3116	.....
Collected for Foreign Missions.....	459	561	277	619	641	523	635	3715	2744	1001	.....
Collected for Domestic Missions.....	434	258	216	395	250	185	258	2018	1795	228	.....
Collected for Conference Fund.....	182	222	93	200	185	169	189	1240	1523	283	.....
Assessed for Conference Fund.....	486	390	290	460	250	200	336	2472	2028	444	.....
Collected for Education.....	360	345	158	330	224	228	372	2017	2107	80	.....
Pastor's Salary.....	7310	7422	5985	3210	6370	5190	6525	47012	44617	2395	.....
Receipts.....	4959	6131	3685	7009	4678	4654	5414	36530	37785	1205	.....
Salary of P. E.	1085	1185	985	1525	1000	980	1010	7770	7291	479	.....
Receipts.....	847	912	620	1271	764	805	6074	580	272	.....	.....
Assessed for Bishops.....	186	110	185	94	100	931	928	3	3	.....	.....
Collected for Bishops.....	185	140	164	94	104	118	915	889	22	.....	.....
Education.....	5	48	65	61	106	388	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Other Objects.....	531	84	920	177	395	2829	4084	.....	.....	1255	.....

STATISTICAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

Vicksburg District.

STATISTICAL TABLE—CONTINUED.

Meridian District.

	R. D. Norsworthy, Meridian.	J. T. Heard, Enterprise and Quitman.	F. Y. Armstrong, Enterprise Circ't.	J. A. Ellis, Paulding.	W. D. Dominick, Shubuta.	F. M. Williams, Waynesboro.	J. C. Brogan, De Soto.	W. W. Cannamack, Winchester.	J. W. Harmon, Marion.	D. C. Langford, Lauderdale,	D. G. W. Ellis, De Kalb.	T. S. Jones, Linwood.	R. F. Witt, Long Creek Mis'n.	D. Merchant, Chickasaha Ms'n.	TOTAL
Accessions during the year.....	54	14	24	60	85	87	80	85	14	23	15	94	49	23	
Deaths.....	6	.....	14	11	2	2	2	2	3	4	5	4	1	1	
Expelled, with'd'n, removed & dropped.....	15	.....	15	31	25	24	12	10	5	4	4	14	8	.....
Members at present.....	298	202	333	541	274	196	459	223	342	333	448	500	200	102	
Local Preachers.....	1	.....	2	1	2	3	1	1	1	2	2	4	3	4	
Adults Baptized.....	8	7	15	6	25	17	15	8	6	8	12	20	13	1	
Infants Baptized.....	18	10	16	28	22	5	25	12	5	26	15	24	2	3	
Sunday Schools.....	1	3	5	10	4	2	9	6	6	5	6	20	10	3	
Officers and Teachers.....	22	26	23	57	30	13	30	21	24	25	20	20	10	10	
Scholars.....	175	170	223	341	170	77	835	168	125	154	150	150	100	100	
Volumes in Library.....	100	100	250	404	100	150	.....	.....	200	.....	25	.....	.....	.....
S. S. Periodicals taken.....	100	.....	135	387	225	145	50	70	125	95	15	150	15	11	
Church Papers taken.....	28	35	8	16	75	81	24	25	115	37	25	8	9	9	
Churches.....	1	3	9	8	8	1	8	5	6	3	6	7	5	5	
Value of Churches.....	4000	1500	17000	35000	8000	6000	13250	8000	35000	13500	18000	20000	3500	3500	
Sitings.....	350	690	1075	2501000	1000	250	1600	600	2500	700	2000	1400	8000	8000	
Parsonages.....	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	
Value of Parsonages.....	1800	600	.....	2501000	600	250	.....	400	1000	300	.....	.....	.....	.....
Value of other Church Property.....	15000	25	200	.....	300	.....	.....	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	
Expended on Sunday Schools.....	60	25	15	71	24	30	31	15	50	30	15	15	3	8	
Expended on Churches.....	20	.....	25	165	15	.....	50	600	415	120	150	130	.....	.....
Expended on Parsonages.....	211	50	50	50	50	50	50	7	135	50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assessed for Foreign Missions.....	180	50	43	60	116	60	70	55	89	75	75	78	67	16	
Collected for Foreign Missions.....	79	28	23	50	92	61	71	38	30	21	25	30	40	5	
Assessed for Domestic Missions.....	33	25	11	00	30	17	18	14	20	18	19	20	17	6	
Collected for Domestic Missions.....	20	25	50	22	17	18	11	15	8	7	8	17	2	7	
Assessed for Conference Fund.....	50	40	25	00	40	40	25	10	25	25	25	25	10	5	
Collected for Conference Fund.....	50	40	7	80	31	42	40	17	25	25	25	25	4	5	
Pastor's Salary.....	1000	660	337	00	900	525	600	480	305	650	600	575	500	150	
Receipts.....	1066	494	193	00	604	525	600	388	275	339	568	398	443	105	
Salary of P. E.	170	115	50	00	150	80	113	60	45	75	80	100	25	25	
Receipts.....	16	6	00	10	15	9	5	12	10	8	10	10	4	4	
Assessed for Bishops.....	16	6	00	10	15	9	9	14	11	8	10	10	4	4	
Collected for Bishops.....	16	11	6	00	10	15	9	12	10	8	10	10	4	4	
Education.....	10	6	00	10	15	9	9	14	11	8	10	10	4	4	
Other Objects.....	6	15	25	16	16	8	60	60	6	6	

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